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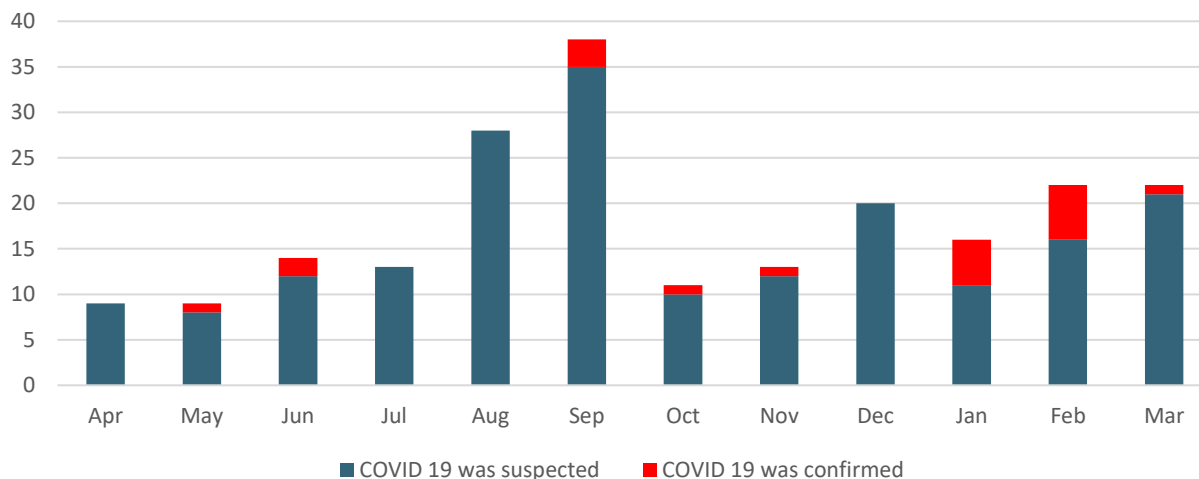
To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin/Deputy Chief Jerry Helm
Date: April 14, 2022
Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

During the month of March COVID-19 was a factor in 22 incidents (16.06% of the total number of incidents for the month). This is a decrease from February where COVID-19 was a factor in 26 incidents (23.60% of the total number of incidents for the month). This data is reported by CWIFR members based on patient symptoms or presence of others who are symptomatic and is not based on confirmation that the patient or others involved in the incident were confirmed to have COVID-19. COVID-19 continues to be a concern, particularly with the prevalence of the delta and emergence of the omicron variants .

As illustrated below, COVID-19 has had an ongoing impact on incident operations, but the frequency with which our members have encountered this disease has fluctuated through the preceding year.

April 2021-March 2022 Responses Where COVID was a Factor

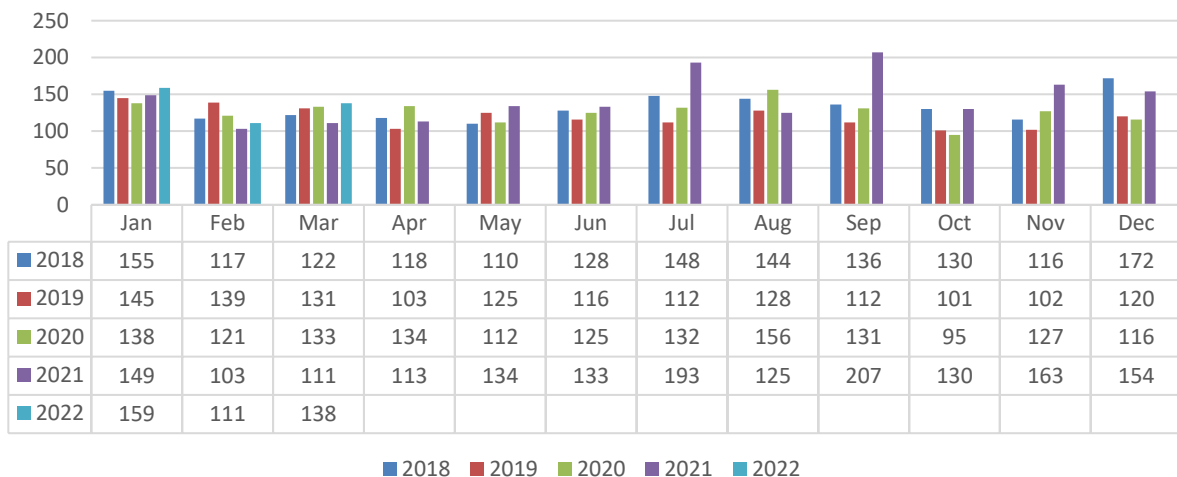


Operational Activity

During the month of February, the district received 137 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 15 incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 33 incidents. **Frequency By Incident Type**

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	2
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	91
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3
5 - Service Call	22
6 - Good Intent Call	10
7 - False Alarm & False Call	9
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	137

Incident Frequency by Month



Administrative Activity

Workload Assessment: Deputy Chief Helm and LT Porter continue work on the district's workload assessment.

Leadership Training: Chief Hartin, DC Helm, and Finance Officer Niiro have continued with a reading and discussion program focused on course content and the text *Extreme Ownership* (Willink & Babin). We rolled the Extreme Ownership Academy on-line program out to our other members starting the week of April 11, 2022. This training will be facilitated by Finance Officer Niiro, DC Helm and Chief Hartin.

Chief's Feedback Instrument: Chief Hartin saw improvement in his feedback over the first several months that this instrument was used. He is now working with his direct reports to redevelop or refine a feedback instrument to provide more focused feedback and framework for discussion.

Staffing: As authorized by the board of fire commissioners, the district has advertised for the position of professional development division chief. Applications close on April 22, 2022 and plan to conduct the assessment center for this position on May 17-18, 2022.

Accreditation: Chief Hartin was selected for the peer team that is reviewing documentation and will conduct a site visit to the Metro West Fire District (suburban Saint Louis, Missouri). The site visit will take place later this spring, dates to be determined.

Operations

All three of the district's new type one engines are in service at Stations 51, 53, and 54. Work will continue this month to transfer equipment from the existing Apparatus 9601 (reserve engine) to Apparatus 1401 (former Engine 53).

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Lieutenant Porter developed a response for the Island County Fire Chiefs to questions asked by Ms. Mary Engle, Island County Planning Department Director regarding the fire districts' interlocal agreement with the county for fire inspections.

No report from the community risk reduction division this month. Data on inspections, home safety surveys, and other community risk reduction activity will be updated in May.

Training

In-Service Training: March in-service training focused on fundamental skills across a range of disciplines with training in cardiac arrest management, heavy lift and cribbing, setting up for tender shuttle, two person raises of the 35' extension ladder, accordion forward hose deployment and door entry, conventional forcible entry, fire control and primary search rollup drills, and Blue Card incident command division operations. Chief Hartin has extended additional effort to support each of these training sessions with a written training bulletin and other instructional materials as appropriate based on the topic.

Fire Academy: Deputy Chief Jerry Helm continues coordination of the district's participation in the Island County Recruit Academy. Participants have completed training for firefighter one and hazmat awareness with current training focused on firefighter two. Completion of hazmat operations is scheduled for later this spring.

Ladder Rescue Prop: Chiefs Hartin and Helm, assisted by Firefighter Kellison will be constructing a prop for ladder rescue training adjacent to the pump house at the training center. A key feature of the ladder rescue prop will be to provide the ability to perform ladder rescue training while complying with the Washington Department of Labor and Industries fall protection requirements. This prop will be used for in-service training in May.

Qualification & Certification: Firefighter Mason Jones qualified as a light apparatus operator. Firefighter John Lloyd received certification as an instructor one and fire officer one.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: Tim Goodman of Carletti Architects anticipates final approval of the building permit for Station 53 this month, out to bid later in the month, and start of construction in June or July. Project costs

are anticipated to exceed budgeted funds and the board of fire commissioners will be considering options to address this issue.

Station 53 Move Out: Deputy Chief Helm has developed a preliminary plan for relocation of contents of Station 53 during the construction of the new building and the shifts have started work on moving those items to storage.

Wildland Equipment: Additional equipment for wildland firefighting and mobilization ordered.

Breathing Air Compressor: The breathing air compressor was serviced and the PortaCount fit test machine was sent out for calibration.

Station 53: The spring on the Aid 503 overhead door failed and was replaced.

Fleet Maintenance

During the month of March Firefighter/Mechanic Matros has been coordinating and managing warranty work and crew concerns as they arise on the new Type I Rosenbauer engines. He has also been very busy with preventative maintenance schedules and repairs on the rest of the fleet. Some of these include:

- Units 1501 (505) – P.M. & check engine light (engine temp sensor)
- 1201 (R-53) – P.M., tire replacement and check engine light (glow plug),
- 0603 (T-51) – Pump panel lighting system and pump anodes.
- 1801 (501) – Batteries
- 1101 (S-591) – Starter
- 0702 (T-54) – Correspondence with True North to replace the hose bed cover. This is still in process. Many measurements have had to be taken so that the cover being built will match perfectly with the configuration and design of the hose bed.
- 2001 – (B-54) – Apparatus was brought to Mallory Fire shop for warranty work to address foam intrusion into the water tank.

Firefighter/Mechanic Matros is attending the Washington State Fire Mechanics conference in April after two years of cancellations due to Covid. At the end of the conference, he will be taking two EVT recertification exams in order to keep his technical certifications current.